

Press Release



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Fort Stevenson Frontier Military Days June 24-25

Spectators can view what life was like at an 1870s military fort during Fort Stevenson Frontier Military Days June 24-25. The 14th annual event will be held from 1 until 4 p.m. each day at Ft. Stevenson State Park, located three miles south of Garrison. June 25 is also Visitor Appreciation Day at Fort Stevenson with free admission into the park.

Members of the Frontier Army of Dakota will set up authentic tents and gear in front of the Guardhouse Interpretive Center during the two day encampment. A cannon will fire at 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, along with cannon maneuvers starting at 3:15 p.m. each day. Live demonstrations featuring old-time skills like tomahawk throwing, woodcarving, tatting, black powder gun demonstrations and baking will be held each day.

A special feature at this year's Frontier Military Days will be displays and demonstrations of Native American beadwork, Sahnish history and clothing. Members of the Sahnish (Arikara) Nation will present a program on Sahnish customs and heritage on Sunday, June 25, at 2:30 p.m.

Military Life in Dakota, written by General de Trobriand, the first commander at the fort and one of the best first-hand accounts of military life in Dakota Territory, will be on sale.

Fort Stevenson Frontier Military Days is sponsored by the Fort Stevenson Foundation, a local volunteer organization that spearheaded the reconstruction of the original fort's guardhouse. The guardhouse is used as a visitor center with displays and artifacts about military life in the Dakota Territory.